Focus on Western Response Resource List



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Overview

Oil spill contingency plan holders in Washington State now have access to a Web-based database of oil spill response equipment. The Western Response Resource List (WRRL) outlines various types of response equipment maintained by participating private and public response organizations in the Pacific Northwest.

The Department of Ecology, the U.S. Coast Guard, other state and federal agencies, and participating public and private response entities urge oil spill contingency plan holders, contractors, vendors, and others to use the WRRL to list their response equipment. This uniform system to locate and order response equipment during a spill helps control costs, makes responses and cleanups more effective, and protects the environment.

How WRRL can help

The WRRL allows oil spill preparedness planners and responders to:

- Utilize a system for describing, cataloging, ordering, and tracking oil spill response equipment.
- Display data for use in developing and reviewing oil spill contingency plans.
- Evaluate spill readiness drills, including lessons learned, to improve response.
- Describe a uniform method of effective mutual aid for ordering equipment from multiple sources during spills.
- Keep accurate cost accounting information during responses.
- Plan for effective demobilizing of equipment after spill incidents.

MORE INFORMATION

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The WRRL site

The WRRL Web site is located at http://www.wrrl.us and hosted by Genwest Systems. The WRRL can be downloaded in a variety of electronic formats. The list is maintained by subscribers including federal and state agencies, response contractors, vendors, and industry representatives that have their own response equipment.

Using the WRRL

Standardized equipment information

Response organizations in the Northwest have agreed on "kind and type" labels for response equipment based on capabilities, size, and use. All equipment found on the WRRL is categorized by these designations.

Advance planning and drill design

Companies that must develop oil spill contingency plans for state and federal authorities can use the WRRL to develop lists of equipment – and may refer to the WRRL in their written plans. The WRRL maintains the following type of information:

- Locations where equipment is stored.
- Equipment transit times.
- Lengths and types of available vessels.
- Lengths and types of oil boom.
- Oil skimming vessels and estimated daily recovery capacity.
- Temporary storage capacity for barges, vacuum trucks, tanks, and bladders.

